

15. Puente Hills: B, C, D, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	No	Although the proposed SEA does support populations of listed species, they are not known to be core populations, therefore, this criterion is not met.
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	Several plant communities within this SEA are CDFG highest inventory priority communities due to their restricted distribution in the Southern California region. These communities include: walnut woodland which are scattered throughout this SEA; oak riparian woodland which is best developed in the major drainages of Sycamore Canyon, Turnbull Canyon, Powder Canyon, Brea Canyon, Brea Canyon and Tonner Canyon but is found elsewhere; stands of southern willow scrub along many of the drainages; scattered freshwater marsh; and coastal sage scrub, found in scattered patches over hillsides throughout.
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	All of the plant communities and habitats mentioned above as being restricted in distribution on a regional basis are also restricted in distribution within Los Angeles County.
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	Yes	This SEA represents the only large complex of multiple, relatively undisturbed habitats in southeastern Los Angeles County. As such, it is regionally important to many resident species as well as migrating species which would otherwise not be able to meet their habitat requirements here. In particular, large mammal and overwintering bird of prey and songbirds make use of this area.
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.	No	The proposed SEA does not contain biotic resources that are clearly an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community and therefore does not meet this criterion.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic	Yes	Both the oak woodlands and walnut woodlands within this SEA represent excellent relatively undisturbed examples

	communities in Los Angeles County.		of their type. The walnut woodlands in this area are reported to be the best remaining stands of these trees south of Ventura County.
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